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VIA ECF

The Honorable Tonianne J. Bongiovanni, U.S.M.J.
Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse
402 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: *Lasche v. State of New Jersey, et al.*
Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-17552

Dear Judge Bongiovanni:

This office represents Defendants the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Kyle Higgins, Mary Lippencot, Katie Epperly, Janelle Clark and Christine Norbut Beyer ("State Defendants") in the above-captioned matter.

This letter serves to update Your Honor on the parties' settlement discussions. The parties are making progress toward settlement, however, a few additional details regarding the extent and scope of the interview process are being considered and discussed. As such, the parties request additional time to deliberate and to provide the Court with an update by October 27, 2023.

Thank you for Your Honor's time and consideration of this matter.



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Respectfully submitted,

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